

July 27, 2010

Gale Mattison, Chairperson
State Contracting Standards Board
Room 173
State Office Building
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Mr. Mattison and Members of the Board:

Recently the Connecticut branch of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC/CT) raised an issue of a potential conflict of interest concerning "several" members of the board who are members of the retiree division of our union, CSEA. The CSEA has no intention of taking up your unpaid time with further responses to that lobbying group via this Board. However, their comment that their "members would suffer significant economic loss by not being eligible to contract for these (bridge inspection) services" merits a deeper look.

You might consider, as a point of reference, the attached financial information listing a partial accounting of CONNDOT active contracts amounting to well over \$200 million, a significant economic interest indeed.

Sincerely,

Eda diBiccari
Lead Organizer
CSEA SEIU Local 2001

cc: Members of the State Contracting Standards Board

Enclosure

ACEC-CT Board of Directors**Amount of active DOT contracts, FY 09***

President: George Jacobs Dewberry Goodkind	\$5,397,520.
Vice President: Joseph Merluzzo Formerly of AI Engineers, Inc.	\$21,206,057.
Secretary: Gerald Gerletz STV Inc.	\$63,893,633
Treasurer: Paul Schmidt URS Corporation AES	\$64,163,048.
ACEC National Director: Leslie Haines Parsons Transportation Group	\$6,902,000
Alt National Director: Theodore von Rosenvinge IV GeoDesign, Inc, (a subcontractor for Ocean & Coastal Consultants/COWI among others) Certified with state of CT as a Small Business Enterprise.	*
Past President: Nathan Whetten GEI Consultants	\$6,989,947
Director: Jay Curran GEI Consultants	\$6,989,947
Director: Bruce Richardson The DiSalvo Ericson Group (TDEG)	*
Director: Sofia Nirshberg VN Engineers, Inc. (subcontractor but also prequalified as a consultant by CONNDOT) Certified with state of CT as a Minority Owned Enterprise.	Subconsultant for URS (\$64, 163,048) Subconsultant for Close Jensen & Miller (\$46,518,140) Subconsultant for CTE/DMJM now known as AECOM (\$92,5133,868.) Etc.
Alternate Director: Christopher Wester Weston & Sampson Engineers. Inc.	\$936,512.
Alternate Director: Robert Yirigian HNTB Corporation	\$37,235,167
Alternate Director: James Fuda The BSC Group, Inc. BSC partners include GEI Consultants (\$6,989,947) STV (\$7,989,979) URS (\$64,163,048) Etc.	\$1,010,020

* Source: Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Report on Consultant Agreements for FY 2009, subcontract amounts not broken down. None of these active DOT contracts are posted on the DAS procurement portal.